

REMARKS

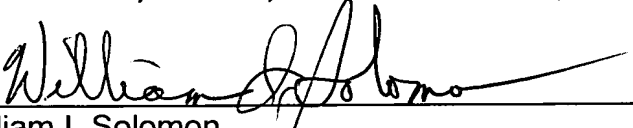
Applicants are amending their claims in order to delete multiple dependency thereof, including improper multiple dependency. In view of the deletion of multiple dependency, Applicants are adding new claims 16-40 to the application. These new claims recite subject matter expressly set forth in original claims 4-15, but are dependent on claims other than the dependency of currently amended claims.

Entry of the present amendments, prior to calculation of the filing fee; and, subsequent thereto, examination of the above-identified application on the merits in due course, are respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case 1204.45675X00), and any excess fees be credited to such Deposit Account.

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